

CONFIDENTIAL

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GENERAL

1. The only German documents held by the Historical Division, with the exception of those on loan from GMDS, were some Nazi propaganda books and pamphlets which were being used for a current project. This material was examined and found to have no intelligence value.

2. The Historical Division was, at the time, employing a group of fifty Germans at Koenigstein who were writing special projects for the Department of Army. Previous projects, upon completion by the Germans, have generally been translated and sent to Washington. Titles of these completed projects were published by the Historical Division, Department of Army, Washington, D. C. in "German Manuscript Accession, List No 1" dated 11 May 1948.

3. Colonel H. E. Potter, Chief of the EUCOM Historical Division, was asked if he had any knowledge as to what the Dutch and Belgian holdings of captured German documents were. He replied that he did not, but that he was acquainted with his counterparts in these countries and could undoubtedly find out from them.

RECOMMENDATIONS

4. It is recommended that Colonel Potter be authorized to visit Holland and Belgium to determine the holdings of captured German documents in these countries.

JCS review(s) completed.